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## BANDIT VILLA DEAD; BODY IS EXHUMED

Persistent Mexican Reports Say Carranzistas Have Corpse.

VERACITY OF RUMOR STILL DOUBTED

Incidents Confirm Story of Blood-Poisoning Supposed to Have Ended Outlaw's Career.

Mexico City—Villa's dead body has been dug up out of a two weeks' old grave by Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, the first chief of the constitutionalists, and is now being brought by him and an escort of soldiers to the city of Chihuahua. This information was contained in a telegram received by the War department late Sunday.

El Paso—Francisco Villa is dead and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegraphic messages received in Juarez Sunday by the Mexican officials.

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current both here and in Juarez. Sunday's accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received. They were accepted with reserve by American officials, including General Bell, but the Mexican officials expressed confidence in their reliability.

The dispatcher of the Mexican Western railroad at Juarez reported to General Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard a conversation over the telegraph wires to the effect that Villa's body was in the hands of Carranza troops. General Gavira notified Consul Andres Garcia here, who rushed messages to the telegraph operators at Madero and Cuahuahua. Operators answered confirmed the report and said the body was being taken to Chihuahua.

The telegraph operator at San Antonio, Mexico, 50 miles west Chihuahua, telegraphed Consul Garcia that Villa's body was in possession of Colonel Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, who was taking it in a special train to Chihuahua.

In reply to these messages, telegrams were sent to the Carranza generals in the field and to officers in Mexico City, Chihuahua and other points, asking confirmation, but no answers have yet been received.

Apart from the telegrams sent here there are some known facts which have been pointed out by Mexican officials as lending strong support to the truth of the report that the bandit chief's career has been closed by death. Villa has been suffering for more than a year from a virulent form of blood poisoning.

He was treated for this disease while in Juarez by Dr. W. L. Brown. Dr. Brown says that the condition of the bandit was such that even a minor wound would be fatal in ten days unless treated promptly and with the best medical skill and care. Even under the most favorable conditions such a wound would be of the gravest character.

## Austria-Hungary Will Avoid Break With United States

Buda Pest—The probability of war between America and the Central Empires is a grave concern to Austria and Hungary alike, for millions of Hungarians and Austrians in America would suffer considerably in case relations were broken off and everything is being done in the Vienna foreign office to persuade Germany to evade a rupture if possible. Austria-Hungary insists on being consulted in the matter and negotiations are going on between Berlin and Vienna.

Should a break occur, the Austro-Hungarian government will not take official notice of it and even if it should come to war between Germany and the United States the monarchy will disregard the alliance as a consideration, as in the case with Germany and Italy. The press is devoting marked attention to the situation.

## Author "Peck's Bad Boy" Dies.

Milwaukee — George W. Peck, 75 years old, former governor of Wisconsin for two terms, and at one time mayor of Milwaukee, died here Sunday after a short illness. Mr. Peck was one of three Democrats who, since the admission of Wisconsin to the Union, in 1848, held the position of governor. In 1892 his opponent on the Republican ticket was ex-United States Senator Spooner, whom he defeated. Mr. Peck achieved national fame as a writer of humorous tales, his best-known book being "Peck's Bad Boy."

## Mary Phagan Suit Ends.

Atlanta, Ga. — The suit brought by Mrs. J. W. Coleman to recover \$10,000 from the National Pencil company on account of the death of her daughter Mary Phagan, for whose murder Leo M. Frank was convicted, was dismissed in Superior court here Saturday after attorneys announced that a settlement out of court had been agreed upon.

Mary Phagan's body was found in the pencil factory.

## PRESIDENT WILSON FRAMES VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM TO BERLIN GOVERNMENT

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson completed his indictment of Germany Tuesday for her submarine operations and it will go forward at once to Berlin.

The communication, according to those who have seen it, will leave nothing to the imagination. It is virtually an ultimatum without a time limit for response. As the alternative of refusal to make thorough reparation and give complete guarantees that submarine operations hereafter shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of humanity and international law, Ambassador Gerard will be withdrawn from Berlin.

It develops that the President has been considering three courses to pursue with reference to Germany. They are:

1. To present all the facts in possession of this government to Germany and to demand an explanation of how that nation can square its deeds with its promises.

2. To send a note reciting that Germany has violated the solemn assurances made to the United States, and notifying her that unless prompt reparation be made Ambassador Gerard will be withdrawn.

3. To break off relations without discussion.

It is not understood the President is prepared at this moment to adopt the third proposal. It is the second which appeals to him and which probably will meet with his approval.

## Thirty Burn to Death in New Haven Train Wreck

Bradford, R. I.—Thirty or more persons were reported to have been crushed or burned to death in a collision of trains on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad here Tuesday night. The accident occurred at 7:30 o'clock and four hours later wrecking and hospital crews were said to have recovered 30 bodies.

The dead were in the rear car of a four-coach local train, bound from Boston to New London, and which had stopped at the local station when it was run down by the Gilt Edge express, bound from Boston for New York.

This coach was telescoped, set afire and burned.

The car ahead also took fire, and the flames, communicating to the passenger station and freight house, destroyed both buildings.

It was stated that there were known to have been 37 persons in the destroyed car and that only six of these had been accounted for several hours later.

Among those reported to have been burned to death were Miss Janet Clark, daughter of William Clark, president of the Westerly mill of the American Thread company, and W. M. Barber, also of Westerly.

## Von Papen and Four Others Are Indicted for Plot to Destroy Canal

New York—Captain Franz von Papen, recalled military attaché to the German embassy at Washington, was indicted Tuesday by the Federal grand jury here, as the organizer and financier of an alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal in Canada. With him also were indicted Captain Hans Tauscher, alleged agent of the Krupp in the United States and husband of Mme. Johanna Gadski, the prima donna; Constantine Govani, Alfred J. Fritzen and another man whose name has not been revealed. It was learned from a reliable source that the last named is a prominent German whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with German propaganda.

Federal officials do not expect to bring Von Papen to trial. While he is no longer immune from prosecution by the United States civil authorities, since he ceased to be a member of the German embassy staff, the offense with which he is charged is not extraditable under any treaty with a foreign government.

The indictment, it is understood, was returned with the sanction of the Department of Justice, and is believed to establish a precedent. No effort will be made to have Von Papen brought here, but the indictment will be held in abeyance in case he should ever return to the United States.

## West Point Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C.—A bill doubling the number of cadets at the West Point military academy, the second of the preparedness measures to go through both branches of congress, was passed by the house after it had been amended to eliminate a section which would have authorized the President to fill vacancies at the beginning of a scholastic year from the alternates whose principles had entered. A similar bill, doubling the personnel at the naval academy, was signed by the President several weeks ago.

## \$205 Gold Nugget Found.

Grants Pass, Ore.—One of the largest gold nuggets ever found in the Southern Oregon placer fields was brought to Grants Pass Tuesday by Ben S. Watts of Williams. It measured three and a half inches in length and a like distance in width, with a thickness of about half an inch. It weighed 11 ounces, 11 pennyweights and 15 grams when placed in the scales, its value being \$205. It was found 25 miles from here.

## Made Record Flight in Mexico in This Aeroplane



Lieutenant Edgar S. Gorrell. Lieutenant Herbert A. Dargue.

Lieutenants Edgar S. Gorrell and Herbert A. Dargue, now with General Pershing's troops in Mexico, made a record flight the other day when they went from San Antonio, in Chihuahua, to Columbus, N. M., a distance of more than 350 miles in less than four hours. They made a single stop, that at Casas Grandes, where they heard reports that Villa had died of his wounds.

Lieutenant Dargue said: "There seems to be no doubt that Villa was wounded; conversations with natives and with physicians having convinced me that he was shot through both legs and one of them being broken by a bullet, while another shot lodged in his stomach. A man in that condition without medical attention could scarcely live long."

## VOTES ARMY OF 250,000

Makes Total, With Reserves, One Million—Volunteer Provision Kept.

Washington, D. C.—An Army reorganization bill that would produce regular army and reserve military forces in the United States aggregating 1,000,000 men was passed by the senate Wednesday night without a record vote. It is a substitute for the Hay bill, passed by the house and the differences will be worked out in conference.

On the eve of a joint session of the houses of congress to hear a message from the President on grave international issues, the senate hastened completion of the bill amid scenes of excitement, repeatedly rejecting all amendments pending to reduce the proposed strengthening of the army.

The agreement to vote Wednesday was reached two weeks ago, and Vice President Marshall, enforcing the determination of the administration leaders, ruled that a vote was required by midnight.

The amendment making the army's peace strength 250,000 instead of 180,000, as provided in the bill as framed by the military committee, was adopted, 43 to 37, 21 Republicans and 22 Democrats voting for it. A proposal to make the figure 150,000 previously had been rejected, 66 to 13. A peace strength of only 140,000 is provided for the army bill passed by the house, and a sharp contest over that feature is looked for in conference.

## Ten-Hour Law Argued.

Washington, D. C.—The Supreme court Wednesday took under advisement at the conclusion of oral arguments the constitutionality of the Oregon ten-hour workday law for men in mills and manufacturing establishments. The statute, the first of the kind ever brought before the court, is being tested in the case of Frank Bunting, a mill employe convicted of violating it. His counsel, W. Lair Thompson, attacked the law chiefly on the ground that it was an increased wage rather than a health measure.

## Hatters to Ask Pay Rise.

Danbury, Conn.—Demands for a wage increase approximating 10 per cent are to be made by union hatters throughout the country on May 1, or as soon after that date as present wage agreements expire. It was learned here Wednesday. This action, it was said, was authorized by the National board of directors of the United Hatters of North America, at a meeting held last week in New York.

## New York May Aid Widows.

New York—A municipal movement to provide pensions for widowed mothers with children was begun Wednesday with the adoption by the board of aldermen of a resolution under which would be appropriated \$300,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Child Welfare board.

## Blue Overalls at Premium.

Chicago—Blue will be the exceptional color for overalls this year, and only the aristocrats in the trades will wear them. The lack of proper indigo dyes is sending up the prices on this article of apparel. Brown and white will be the prevailing shades. Unbleached khaki is becoming popular, and white is setting a vogue. Logwood vegetable dyes from Jamaica is being extended to goods of this character, with varying results. The best dyes, that come from Germany, produce indigo blue that has long been popular.

## NEWS ITEMS

Of General Interest About Oregon

### Irrigation Project Revived and Prosperity Returns to Irrigon

Irrigon — Not since the collapse of the Irrigon irrigation project in 1907 have the people of this little town been able to look into the future with the certainty of a final prosperous outcome as today. When the government took the project over a few years ago and began the great cement-lined ditch there was a feeling of jubilation; when the ditch was finished there was rejoicing. But until the present time there has usually been a prospect of procrastination and delay, which prospects proved realities. Hence the little town practically stood still.

Now, however, all is changed. The government is about to take charge of the project and handle the water distribution, there is much more water than will be used for years to come, landowners are jubilant and are going ahead planting and seeding as never before. Buyers have just closed the largest purchase ever made here, 240 acres of raw land a few miles west of Irrigon. The price paid was well over \$10,000. The new owners are now busy at work with a large force seeding the tract to alfalfa. Past seedings of the kind here have returned two crops the first year, showing that there is no quicker alfalfa land in the country than at this beautiful spot on the banks of the majestic Columbia. Another sale was made whereby Otto Henkle, now of Crook county, sold 80 acres of his homestead south of town. Improvements are going forward on this tract also.

### Coos Bay Road Allowed.

Washington, D. C.—Authority has been granted by the superintendent of the Coast Guard Service for the construction of a road from the Coos Bay station, along the edge of the bluff for a distance of three miles overlooking the south entrance to Coos Bay. The construction of this road was urged by the North Bend chamber of commerce, it being their contention that the road is necessary for the transportation of lifesaving apparatus in case of a wreck in the vicinity.

It is pointed out that had there been such a road when the Santa Clara was wrecked recently, the Coast Guard might have saved the lives of those who perished because of the inability to reach the wreck promptly.

### Cherries Thrive in Hood.

Hood River—Prospects are bright in Hood River for a bumper cherry crop this year. Orchardists in all districts report that their trees are loaded with buds. Cherry trees are in full bloom along the lowlands of the Columbia and in the city. J. R. Nunamaker, who owns the largest cherry orchard in the valley, estimates his crop at 50 tons.

Strawberries are beginning to bloom in protected parts of the Lower valley. The apple trees of the district probably will be in full bloom during the first week in May.

### Governors' Day Fixed.

Salem—Announcement has been made by A. H. Lea, secretary of the State Fair board, that Friday, September 29, has been designated as Governors' Day at the State Fair. Governor Lister, of Washington, has accepted an invitation to attend, and it is believed that Governor Alexander, of Idaho, will also be in attendance. Governor Withycombe has accepted an invitation to attend on Governors' Day at the Washington State Fair, at North Yakima, which will be on September 21.

### Merrill to Vote June 13.

Merrill—If the council can have its way, this place will have a water system in the near future, if only for fire protection. A special meeting of the city council was held recently, when ordinances were adopted for a special election of the legal voters for June 13, at which time they will be asked to vote for the amending of the charter so as to permit bonds being issued to the amount of \$6000 to install fire-fighting apparatus. The action of the city council is a result of a recent fire in which a general store was destroyed.

### Ditch Cost is Protested.

Salem—Orchardists of Sutherlin, have filed complaint with the State Public Service commission against the J. F. Luse company, alleging that the company's charge of \$3.50 an acre for maintaining an irrigation ditch is excessive. A hearing will be held by the commission. The complainants point out that the cost of ditch maintenance in the arid districts of Eastern Oregon as shown by the 1915 report of the desert and board is but \$1 an acre.

### Bridge Plans Finished.

Salem—Plans and specifications for a reinforced concrete bridge across Ochoo creek, near Prineville, were completed by the State Highway department and forwarded to the Crook county court. The estimated cost of the structure is \$3900. The Highway department has received a request to prepare plans and specifications for a 180-foot wood span which is to be constructed near Myrtle Point, Coos county.

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